

An aerial photograph of a large herd of cattle grazing in a vibrant green field. The cattle are scattered across the landscape, with some small groups and many individuals. The field is lush and green, with some yellow wildflowers visible. The lighting is bright, casting distinct shadows from the animals onto the grass.

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# GLOBALG.A.P. AT A GLANCE

G.A.P. stands for Good Agricultural Practice – and GLOBALG.A.P. is the worldwide standard that assures it.

We're a not-for-profit organization with a crucial objective: safe, sustainable food production worldwide. We set voluntary standards for certification of agricultural products around the globe - and more and more producers, suppliers and buyers are harmonizing their certification standards to match.

Result? A growing movement towards a universal brand: a single standard that identifies safe food, responsible use of resources and the welfare of employees and animals.

That's good news for producers, distributors, retailers and consumers. It means easier certification and wider markets for producers, simpler, more reliable processing for retailers - and valuable reassurance for shoppers.





### TEN REASONS FOR GLOBAG.A.P. CERTIFICATION

1. It cuts your exposure to food safety risks.
2. It improves the efficiency of your farm management.
3. It helps you comply with legislation on food safety, environmental protection and animal and worker welfare.
4. It combines global recognition with adaptation to local conditions.
5. It's tried, tested and trusted in more than 120 countries.
6. All documents are accessible online, free of charge.
7. Documents are available in several languages - Chinese, English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish.
8. Its 'Critical Control Points and Compliance Criteria' system is easy to put into place.
9. It's designed for you - retailers and producers worked together to create it.
10. You can help shape its continuing development.

### FIVE STEPS TO CERTIFICATION

- STEP 1** Obtain a copy of the GLOBALG.A.P. Standard and Checklists that are relevant to you. You'll find it at [www.globalgap.org/Standards](http://www.globalgap.org/Standards)
- STEP 2** Ask your certification body for a registration application. You'll find a full list of certification bodies at: [www.globalgap.org/Services/Certification](http://www.globalgap.org/Services/Certification)
- STEP 3** Carry out a self-assessment using the downloaded checklist.
- STEP 4** Correct any non-conformances you identify, then complete and return your registration application.
- STEP 5** A GLOBALG.A.P. auditor will conduct an on-site audit to check that you comply with the standard's criteria and qualify for certification.

For information on certification costs see GLOBALG.A.P. fee table at [www.globalgap.org/Standards](http://www.globalgap.org/Standards)





## ANIMAL WELFARE

Animal welfare is a crucial part of the Integrated Farm Assurance Standard, which lies at the heart of the GLOBALG.A.P. Standard.

But we're not content to stand still. Right now we are developing a range of voluntary add-on modules designed to take animal welfare to levels that go beyond legislation and are founded on outcome based criteria. These optional extras will be geared to specific species and will add a further level of quality to any producer's certification.



## LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT

Conditions during transport have an important effect on the well-being of livestock. GLOBALG.A.P. Certification demands the highest standards in this area. Its requirements bring together up-to-date legislation with acknowledged best practice, backed by industry knowledge that's second to none.

Our latest standard deals with critical issues relating to the transport of livestock as covered by the GLOBALG.A.P. Scopes, as well as those specific to the transport of poultry.



## COMPOUND FEED

Producers, retailers and consumers are increasingly concerned about the quality and provenance of compound feed materials. GLOBALG.A.P.'s latest Compound Feed Manufacturing Standard introduces even higher criteria for feed safety and sustainability.

We developed the standard in collaboration with industry experts from around the world. It covers the production, supply and purchase of raw materials and ingredients, and is designed to increase consumer confidence in the entire food chain.

HIGHER STANDARDS -  
FOR GREATER CONFIDENCE





## THE LIVESTOCK BASE AND ITS SUB-SCOPES

The Livestock Base contains a number of modules covering cattle, sheep, dairy cows, calf/young beef, pigs, poultry and turkey.

We provide livestock certification in 14 countries, with chicken production the biggest component at nearly 150,000 tons annually. China, Hungary, and Slovenia account for over 95 per cent - although we expect a major increase in poultry from Brazil in 2012.

Watch out for an even bigger change in pig production during 2012, since GLOBALG.A.P. has now finalized

benchmarking with the Dutch IKB Varkens system. This organization includes more than 5,500 farms, whose certified production is likely to outnumber the 40,000 tons produced annually by Italy and Spain. And as a sign of the continuing spread of GLOBALG.A.P., we're now providing bovine certification in three continents. With a number of large cattle feed lots recently coming on board, Australia joins Europe and Latin America in this area of our operations.

The following sub-scopes are all modules of the All Farms Base and Livestock Base.

# RUMINANT BASE:

## CATTLE AND SHEEP

This sub-scope’s content is the same as that in the Cattle and Sheep Scope. It contains 30 control points, divided into the following 6 sections:

- IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY
- BREEDING AND YOUNG STOCK
- FEED, FORAGE
- HOUSING AND FACILITIES
- HYGIENE
- HANDLING

## DAIRY COWS

This sub-scope is built on the Ruminant Base. It outlines the following specific requirements for milk-producing cattle:

- LEGAL REGISTRATION
- FEED
- HOUSING AND FACILITIES
- DAIRY HEALTH
- MILKING
- MILKING FACILITIES
- HYGIENE
- CLEANING AGENTS AND OTHER CHEMICALS

## CALF/YOUNG BEEF

This sub-scope is built on modules in the All Farm, Livestock and Ruminant Bases. It’s designed for auditing veal and young beef production, including the inspection and validation of all critical and sensitive animal welfare issues. The 43 control points are divided into the following 9 sections:

- GENERAL PROVISIONS
- IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY
- FEED AND WATER
- HOUSING AND FACILITIES
- CALVES’ HEALTH
- LOADING TO DISPATCH FOR SLAUGHTER
- CASUALTY CALVES AND FALLEN STOCK
- FINDINGS
- OUTDOOR CALVES

# PIGS

This sub-scope includes specific animal welfare issues such as castration, teeth shortening and tail biting. The 80 control points are divided into the following 13 sections:

- STOCK SOURCING
- PIG IDENTIFICATION
- YOUNG STOCK
- FEED AND WATER
- HOUSING AND FACILITIES
- OUTDOOR PIGS
- MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT
- PIG HEALTH
- HYGIENE AND PEST CONTROL
- HANDLING
- LOADING TO DISPATCH FOR SLAUGHTER
- CASUALTY PIGS AND FALLEN STOCK
- FINDINGS

# POULTRY

This sub-scope is an excellent example of the comprehensive approach of our Integrated Farm Assurance Standard. It covers a very broad range of hygiene, efficiency and animal welfare requirements plus consideration for the social welfare, training and competence of workers. The 139 control points are divided into the following 16 sections:

- STOCK SOURCING
- BREEDING (PARENT) FLOCK
- HATCHERY
- FEED AND WATER
- HOUSED POULTRY
- OUTDOOR POULTRY
- MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT
- POULTRY HEALTH
- HYGIENE AND PEST CONTROL
- HANDLING
- RESIDUE MONITORING
- EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
- INSPECTION
- WORKERS
- HUMANE SLAUGHTER OF CASUALTY POULTRY
- DISPATCH AND TRANSPORTATION

# TURKEY

We've worked with stakeholders to develop a livestock sub-scope that recognizes issues specific to turkey production. Our German members are now putting it into action. The module contains 101 control points divided into the following 13 sections:

- PROVISIONS FOR TURKEY POULTS
- FEED AND WATER
- HOUSED TURKEYS
- OUTDOOR TURKEYS
- MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT
- ANIMAL HEALTH
- HYGIENE AND PEST CONTROL
- HANDLING AND INSPECTION
- RESIDUE MONITORING
- EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
- WORKERS
- HUMANE SLAUGHTER OF CASUALTY POULTRY
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## THE LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT STANDARD

Introduced in October 2011 this standard applies to all road vehicle operators transporting animals further than 65 km, and all third parties transportation under 65 km. It's the outcome of in-depth research and a detailed pilot scheme during which we consulted transporters, cattle breeders, animal welfare organizations and NGOs throughout the world.

The standard covers critical animal welfare issues such as fitness for movement, loading ramps, stocking rates, ventilation, temperature and handling during loading/

unloading and transit. It also deals with matters specific to poultry including noise levels, containers, weather protection and cleanliness. Drivers should hold a Certificate of Professional Competence according to Article 17 of EU Regulation 1/2005.



## ANIMAL WELFARE

The welfare of animals reared for human consumption is one of our major considerations. It features in over a quarter of the control points in our Livestock Base Standards, and figures prominently in all sub-scopes.

But we're aiming even higher. At the moment we're working with producers, processors, retailers, certification bodies, academics and NGOs to develop optional extras which go beyond legal requirements.

// Animal welfare is ... very much in the minds of our customers and stakeholders. The GLOBALG.A.P. initiative for voluntary animal welfare add-ons is highly welcomed as a tool for practices that go beyond legislation at farm level. //

*Norbert Rank, McDonald's Europe,  
Chairman Stakeholder Committee Livestock*





## THE COMPOUND FEED MANUFACTURING STANDARD

When you're supplying livestock for human consumption it's vital to use compound feed of reliable quality.

Our standard deals with raw materials, additives and processing, plus the social conditions of feed mill workers and producers' environmental responsibilities. In its latest version there's a specific section on fish meal and fish oil, referring to FAO, IFFO and MSC codes of good practice with specific regard to responsible sourcing of these raw materials.

It's a standard that's crucial to food safety and sustainability, as well as consumer confidence in the shop and

supermarket. The 15 sections and three guidelines are as follows:

- OFFICIAL APPROVAL
- WORKERS' HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE
- QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – HACCP
- INTERNAL AUDITS
- FEED INGREDIENTS MANAGEMENT
- STORAGE FACILITIES ON SITE
- PROCESSING
- FINISHED FEED TRANSPORT AND LOADING
- SITE HYGIENE AND MANAGEMENT
- QUALITY CONTROL OF FINISHED FEED

- INGREDIENTS DECLARATION
- COMPLAINTS
- DOCUMENTATION ON TRACEABILITY
- ANIMAL PROTEIN
- RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES
- GUIDELINE 1  
List of materials whose circulation or use for animal nutrition purposes is prohibited
- GUIDELINE 2  
Haulage Exclusion List
- GUIDELINE 3  
Risk Assessment for GLOBALG.A.P. Compound Feed Manufacturers





## TOWARDS WORLDWIDE HARMONIZATION

### COMPLIANCE INDICATION

Every certified GLOBALG.A.P. producer is registered in our database and identified by a unique 13-digit GLOBALG.A.P. Number (GGN). The GGN appears on every printed certificate. It's also the online search key that opens up all relevant traceability information - certification body, scheme, product status and certificate validity.

As a producer, the GGN is your passport to the world's markets. As a retailer, it's your reassurance of the reliability of your supplier.

### HARMONIZATION AND INTEGRITY

We're pledged to take the complexity out of certification. We want to cut out duplication and work towards the principle of 'one auditor at the farm gate'.

That's why we strive to harmonize the requirements of different certification bodies. Where possible we recognize those that are equivalent and give them approved - or benchmarked - status. As a result, the market can satisfy its demand for reassurance by checking for GLOBALG.A.P. Certification or its approved equivalent.

Either one is sufficient - both for a buyer's confidence and a producer's validation.

### THE OIE

We share many goals with the World Animal Health Organization or, as it's known officially, the Organisation Internationale des Epizooties (OIE).

We're both concerned with animal health and welfare, and each of us is developing complementary standards across a wide range of situations and environments.

To that end we're looking at potential harmonies between our Livestock Transport Standard, Integrated Farm Assurance and Aquaculture Module and the OIE's codes for Terrestrial Animal Health and the Welfare of Farmed Fish.

An OIE representative now sits on our Stakeholder Committee Animal Welfare, so we're looking forward to further advances in our efforts to promote safe food production while supporting animal health and welfare.





## GLOBALG.A.P. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE LIVESTOCK

GLOBALG.A.P. Technical Committees are the guardians of the standard. In this field the Technical Committee Livestock is the forum where producers, suppliers and retailers come together to make practical, ethical and market-aware decisions. They're interested in building on the past to create an ever-improving future.

Recent work includes the development of additional Animal Transport and Compound Feed Standards. It's a collaborative process in which experts from all sides pool their experience and knowledge, working to enhance quality, welfare and consumer confidence in their sector.

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